

after the defeat of the resolution in the House, when he must know there is no possibility of passing any legislation in the line indicated by Mr. Hill's resolution. He is in a very bad mood, and his remarks were merely venting of his spleen. He also described Mr. Hill's declarations of bimetalism, and said that with two or three exceptions the demagogues of the House had taken the Secretary of the Treasury at his word, that the movement of the repeal of the Sherman law had been intended in the interest of bimetalism, and that he had voted for repeal were the enemies and not the friends of silver. The present time was, he declared, inappropriate for such a resolution, coming, as it does, on the very heels of the monstrous attacks which the President has made upon the currency and upon the country. He said that he was not bound abroad on such terms as he had made with the European bankers.

This action he pronounced the most disastrous assault upon the country's financial system which had ever been made, "and the worst feature of the whole wretched business," he said, "with growing earnestness, is that the attack is made by the man who, because of his position, should have stood the foremost in our defense. Our next step has been to take the man who should have been our champion and to make him our enemy."

**The Bond Contract Criticized.**  
Mr. Wolcott criticized the recent contract made for the sale of bonds in Europe, declaring that far better terms could have been secured in this country and among our own people. He asserted that the payment to the Rothschilds was to be made on an excessive basis, and followed this up with the declaration that the policy of the Government was to "pay the price of the bonds to the Rothschilds, and then to let the Rothschilds pay the price of the bonds to the Government."

**Men Not Entitled to Consideration.**  
He had been assured that in New York alone \$1,122,122 had been tendered for \$130,000,000 of those bonds, and said he had the authority of one of the leading bankers in New York for the statement that within sixty days he would have been able to sell \$100,000,000 of the bonds, and that he would have been able to sell the remainder of the bonds at a profit.

**Not Seriously Regarded.**  
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## LATE NEWS BY WIRE

### Mine Workers Express Confidence in McBride.

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### OFFICERS ARE VINDICATED

COLUMBUS, Ohio, February 16.—John McBride today, by the unanimous report of the committee of fifteen, was reported to have been not guilty of the charges of corruption in connection with the Hocking Valley railroad strike. The committee's report said that Mark Wild, the railroad man who preferred the charges, is a demagogue and self-confessed corrupt politician. Thereupon a resolution was adopted by the United Mine Workers' convention extending a vote of confidence to John McBride and ordering Mark Wild to leave the hall. Mr. Wild endeavored to obtain the floor, but the demonstrations against him were so pronounced that the presiding officer advised him to withdraw immediately, and he did so.

Mark Wild, in making the report relative to McBride, said the committee believed he had been indiscreet in the handling of the money.

The vote on the report was 122 to 4. The vote on Wild leaving the hall was 226 to 73.

The convention then elected P. H. Penna, Indiana, president; Cameron Miller of Ohio, vice president, and re-elected Patrick McBride secretary and treasurer. This was the first time since 1882 that the men who acted on behalf of the miners in the settlement of the strike last summer.

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## ATTACKING THE BOND ISSUE

### Senators Severely Criticize the Administration.

### Mr. Lodge Causes Something of a Sensation—Mr. Wolcott's Declaration.

The attack upon the administration on account of the bond contract, which was made in the Senate today, was much more direct than anything that was said in the House. Mr. Wolcott's direct statement, that the President had attacked the credit of the country; that he had tried to blacken the credit of the country; that he had defiled our own nest, and that the contract entered into privately was dishonest, went far beyond anything that was said in the House, as the severest as the criticism there of the administration.

**Mr. Lodge's Denunciation.**  
Still more severe was the calmer denunciation indulged in by Mr. Lodge, who repeated the substance of the recent sale of bonds below market price was an attack upon the national credit, and that the contract made in secret was a disgrace. Additional severity was given to Mr. Lodge's criticism by the fact that he urged this alleged attack upon the national credit as a reason why Congress should at once come to the rescue by declaring that the Government should meet its obligations in the best money there is. This speech coming from such a man as Mr. Lodge, and being delivered so emphatically, made a deep impression, as showing how far the disapproval of the method of the bond issue has gone.

Some of the denunciations of the President were permitted to pass without any one rising to his defense was regarded as a remarkable indication of the spirit of the Senate.

### To Prevent the Bond Issue.

Some speculation was excited by the declaration by Mr. Wolcott that the bond contract would not be carried out. It is said that there is under contemplation an attempt to prevent the bonds contracted for being delivered.

To accomplish this by a resolution has been repeatedly suggested, but that is not practicable, as it would not be permitted to come to a vote. Another proposition is to pass a resolution that the Secretary of the Treasury should deliver the bonds at a rate below the market price. Upon what principle of law the application for such a resolution could be maintained is not disclosed.

### MORE SNOW PROMISED.

Unpleasant Prospect for This Evening's Weather.

Snow is prophesied by the weather bureau for the District of Columbia this afternoon, with indications that it will clear away and be fair by midnight. A fair day tomorrow is promised, with northerly, shifting, and westerly winds.

The storm in southern Florida has moved to the middle Atlantic coast, increasing slightly in intensity. This is the storm which is coming. A second storm has developed to the north of Montana. The area of high pressure has moved from western Nebraska to Utah. Rain has fallen in Florida and snow in the middle and south Atlantic states. The temperature in southern Florida has risen to 29 degrees below zero, and in the lower lake region and in Florida it has made a decided rise in the northwest and has remained nearly stationary elsewhere.

Extremely cold weather conditions in Texas, San Antonio reporting a minimum temperature of 16 degrees above, Abilene minus two, and Corpus Christi and Galveston, respectively, 12 degrees, 11 degrees, and 8 degrees below the lowest temperature recorded at these stations in any previous day during the second decade of February.

### THE GARBAGE PROBLEM.

### The Contractors Must Alter Their Methods, Say the Commissioners.

For some time past the health office of the District has been deluged with complaints of non-collection of garbage. These have come from citizens in all parts of the city, and have recently become so numerous that the authorities realize that something must be done, and at once, knowing that if the matter was allowed to run along until warm weather it would become an actual menace to health.

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### Today's Topic Before the White Ribboners.

### Sketches of Some Noted Temperance Workers.

### DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE

At 10 o'clock this morning the sessions of the grand convocation of White Ribboners was continued by a meeting of the Executive Committee, which was held in the special needs of the W. C. T. U. in the national capital and how these needs are to be met. There were upwards of 200 women present. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung. Mrs. S. M. Westcott, treasurer of the District W. C. T. U., leading at the organ. Mrs. Mary H. C. U., president of the Maryland W. C. T. U., offered prayer. Mrs. Stevenson of Chicago presided and led the discussion of the morning's topic. Miss Weightman, corresponding secretary of the District organization, set forth the need of a home for the local organization, and urged the usefulness of a building for a headquarters for the W. C. T. U. of the District. She thought there was a grand opportunity for a center of temperance influence and business headquarters would give the local work great advantage. For the messenger boy, she was specially selected to temperance work here, and she had been in the city for some time.

Mrs. Geo. H. La Fetra followed in a similar line, and the special need in the District of the most active and thorough temperance women to come in and join the W. C. T. U. and push its work with a united and determined effort. She described the life, the nature of the work done and the prospects before the local organization. She said that the work of the committee on press and courtesies great credit is due for the excellent working details of the present convocation.

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The average circulation exhibited is believed to be much more than the combined circulation of the other Washington dailies, and fully five times that of its afternoon contemporary.

### Circulation of "The Evening Star."

SATURDAY, Feb. 9, 1895.....39,494  
MONDAY, Feb. 11, 1895.....33,786  
TUESDAY, Feb. 12, 1895.....34,118  
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13, 1895.....33,843  
THURSDAY, Feb. 14, 1895.....33,584  
FRIDAY, Feb. 15, 1895.....33,362

Total.....208,187

Daily average.....34,697

I solemnly swear that the above statement represents the true and correct statement of the number of copies of THE EVENING STAR circulated during the six calendar days ending Friday, February 15, 1895—that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished, or mailed, for valuable consideration, to bona fide purchasers or subscribers, and that none of the copies so counted were returned or remain in the office unsold.

J. WHIT, HERRON,  
Cashier Evening Star Newspaper Co.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1895.

JAY B. SMITH,  
Notary Public, D. C.

### URGED BY WOMEN.

Congress Asked to Pass the Bill for Sewer Extension.

The committee appointed by the meeting at the Washington Club last Monday to represent the women of Washington in the movement to secure for the capital the much-needed improved sewerage system, has addressed to every member of the Senate a personal letter.

The imperative necessity for an increased and improved sewerage system for Washington, which is alike demanded by the increasing area and population and by the prevalence of diseases due to the defects in the present system, has resulted in a large meeting of the representative women of Washington, which appointed the undersigned committee and charged them with the duty of urging the necessity of immediate action by Congress in passing the bill for sewer extension now before them.

The committee presents the subject before the attention of Congress as one of necessity and importance, which should be acted on at once, as each day's delay only increases the existing dangers.

The undersigned committee, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, as chairman, and Mrs. J. C. S. Blackburn, Mrs. F. Loring, Mrs. Chantrel, Mrs. E. Taylor, Mrs. Wm. Reburn and Miss Kate Field, as members of the committee.

Arrangements have been made to secure the signatures of women to a petition to Congress urging the proposed improvements.

### THE MEXICAN MISSION.